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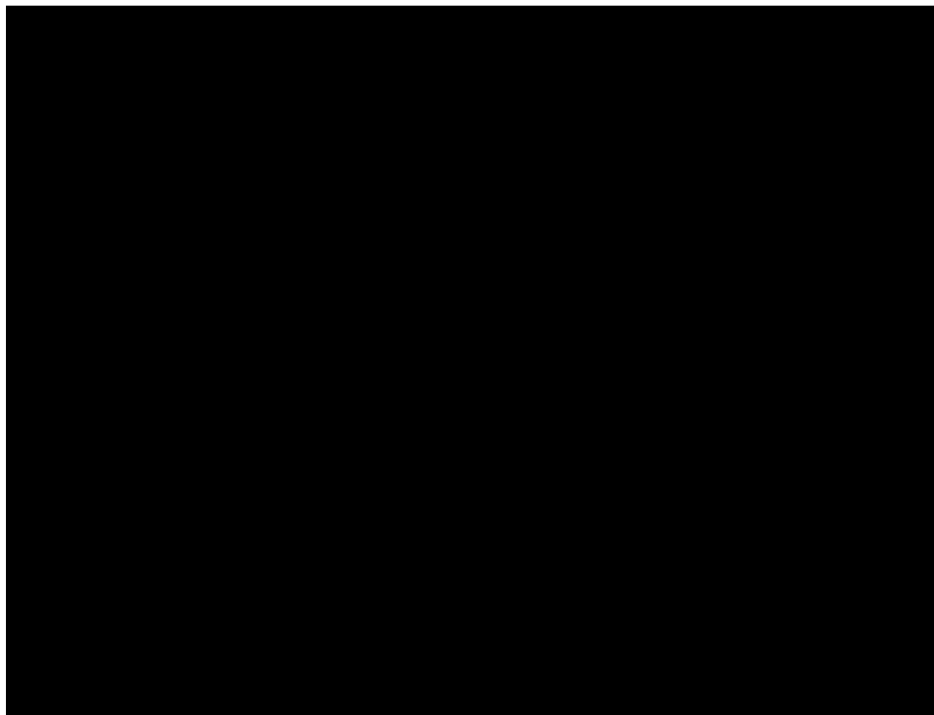
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DANGERS IN THE SUEZ SITUATION

I. Israel-Egyptian aims incompatible

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B. Egyptian aims

1. Determined prevent Israeli from profiting military invasion.
2. Determined establish Egyptian jurisdiction Gaza.
3. Counting on support other Arab states, particularly Saudi Arabia, opposing Israeli claims to Aqaba.

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II. Gulf of Aqaba issue

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- B. Egypt efforts forcefully interdict passage hampered by presence UN forces. Not likely use force time being (but unwilling accept legitimacy of any Israeli passage).**
- C. Egypt willing accept ruling "innocent passage" International Court of Justice but Israel not willing.**

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III. Gaza problem

- A. UN faces difficult problems administering and controlling Gaza--recognizes presence legally dependent Egyptian assent.**
- B. Modus vivendi permitting Egypt return with minimum security safeguards for Israel possible but extremely difficult achieve.**
- C. Egypt intends push situation as far as traffic will bear in reestablishing position in Gaza without bringing about military showdown with Israel.**

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IV. Suez Canal arrangements

- A. Controversies over Aqaba and Gaza may reduce chances early interim arrangement, already ^{Poor} ~~in better than~~ ~~from~~**
- B. Egypt feels present bargaining position strong. Likely take hard line over questions of payments of toll fee and full control canal.**
- C. Canal users likely be faced with choice between boycotting canal or accepting terms previously found unsatisfactory.**
- D. [REDACTED] in hope better terms likely be available later. Both governments probably unable resist de facto acceptance Egyptian terms by own shippers.**

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